

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Irrigation Projects under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) contributed towards creation of minor irrigation works, check dams etc. which has helped in enhancing the irrigated area under cultivation within our country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to design the minor irrigation projects under MGNREGS for the better utilization of water flow through the natural streams and nalas adjacent to farmlands and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop better model for optimum utilization of surface water; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): Yes, Madam. In FY 2015-16, 46.57 lakh hectares' area has benefitted through Natural Resource Management (NRM) works under MGNREGA.

(b) to (d): The Ministry, in consultation with the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation and the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare has issued Mission Water Conservation Guidelines to be implemented by all States/UTs for scientific planning and execution of water management works with the use of latest technology. The thrust is on Planning and Monitoring Framework for Natural Resource Management related works under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA in convergence with Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Integrated Watershed Programme (IWMP) and Command Area and Water Management (CAD&WM) schemes. This will lead to much better outcomes of the water conservation, water harvesting measures and irrigation works.

Under Mission Water conservation, District will be the synergizing unit for convergent planning under the District Collector, wherein, the DPC/Collector will ensure that the Natural Resource Management (NRM) component of Labour Budget of MGNREGS is essentially made part of the District Irrigation Plan (DIP) of PMKSY and that atleast 65% of expenditure under MGNREGS is on NRM works in FY 2017-18, in the identified 2264 Irrigation deprived/over exploited/ critical blocks of the country.
